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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN THE ASTRONAUT CREW QUARTERS

Responsible Office: Flight Crew Operations Directorate

1. POLICY

- a. This directive sets forth policy for the limited and responsible consumption of alcohol in the Astronaut Crew Quarters (ACQ) located at the Johnson Space Center (JSC). Equivalent Kennedy Space Center (KSC) policy applies to the ACQ and, during limited times, the Beach House at that Center. ACQ facilities have been established under the cognizance of JSC's Flight Crew Operations Directorate to support crews assigned to missions. The facilities enable effective quarantine periods leading up to launch, and house both assigned crews and other astronauts as a home-away-from-home to support testing or training activities.
- b. Astronauts assigned to the JSC ACQ, and their guests, may consume alcoholic beverages in these facilities within the guidelines of this directive. No NASA person may consume alcohol during that person's duty hours. All individuals consuming alcoholic beverages in these facilities shall also comply with all other NASA and other operational and flight policies (aviation, space flight), as well as applicable state and federal regulations and law. No one under 21 may possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, including beer, in the ACQ.
- c. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased with personal funds; no Government funds may be used to purchase alcohol.
- d. All individuals who consume alcoholic beverages at the JSC ACQ are required and expected to operate vehicles or perform their work activities in a mental and physical condition that enables them to do so safely and effectively, and are to be mindful of the safety and rights of others. This ensures a safe and secure working environment for all employees, and the safety of members of the public on NASA property.
- e. Federal employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from Federal service. Military members who violate this policy are subject to military

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disciplinary action. Contractor employees who violate this policy will be dealt with in accordance with the Contractor's policy. Foreign astronauts and support personnel who violate this policy will be dealt with in accordance with appropriate international agreements. Guests who violate this policy but do not fall into any of the preceding categories are subject to all applicable and appropriate rules and guidelines and are subject to removal from Federal facilities.

2. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to everyone residing in or visiting the JSC ACQ. This policy applies to all civil service, military, contractor or international partner personnel, and their guests.

3. AUTHORITY (All document citations are assumed to be the latest version unless otherwise noted.)

- a. NPD 8710.2, *NASA Safety and Health Program Policy*
- b. NPR 3752.1, *Disciplinary and Adverse Actions*
- c. NPR 8715.1, *NASA Occupational Safety and Health Programs*

4. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (All document citations are assumed to be the latest version unless otherwise noted.)

N/A

5. RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 The senior person assigned to or present at the ACQ shall:

- a. Ensure that use of alcohol by themselves, other personnel and any guests in the ACQ is monitored and controlled to prevent excessive consumption.
- b. Emphasize personal responsibility to all personnel and their guests, and encourage personnel to watch out for their co-workers and their guests.

5.2 Personnel and their guests present in the ACQ:

- a. Must purchase alcohol with personal funds.
- b. Shall take proper precaution to monitor and control their intake of alcohol.

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- c. Shall not return to work under the influence of alcohol, including its after-effects (e.g., hangover).
- d. Shall refrain from operating any motor vehicle if they are intoxicated in violation of any applicable State or agency standard.

6. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Center Director has the authority to modify or approve exceptions to this policy.

7. MEASUREMENT/VERIFICATION

Overall responsibility for collection of metrics lies with the Flight Crew Operations Directorate, which will perform annual reviews to ensure appropriate administrative disposition of any incidents of prohibited alcohol use.

8. CANCELLATION/RECISION

None

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